GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2005
BSNL MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers of mobile phone of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the country till now;

(b) whether all the applicants are being provided with mobile connections immediately as per demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor including the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 FOR 16.3.2005 REGARDING BSNL MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

(a) The number of mobile phone subscribers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country as on 28.02.2005 is 88,46,477.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) BSNL`s Mobile services have been well received by the public due to wide coverage, transparency in operations and good quality of service. As a result, in most of the states, the capacities have been fully utilized. BSNL is expanding the cellular network by 12 million lines capacity during 2005. The connections are expected to be available on demand in near future subject to technical feasibility.